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In re application of:)
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	Henryk Struszczyk, et al.)
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For:	CHITOSAN-CALCIUM COMPLEX AND METHODS)
	OF PRODUCING THE COMPLEX)
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Examiner:	Everett White)
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

This paper is presented in response to the Office Action having a Restriction Requirement of April 7, 2008.

The Examiner has requested an election of a single invention under 35 U.S.C. 121 and 372. The Examiner has identified the distinct inventions as follows:

Group I (claims 1-9) is drawn to a chitosan-calcium (II) complex and a method to produce a chitosan-calcium complex from a gel of a chitosan salt;

Group II (claims 10-20) is drawn to a method of preparing chitosan salt gels that involved degrading chitosan in an aqueous acidic solution with enzymes;

Group III (claims 21-32) is drawn to a method of preparing a gel of a chitosan salt that involved degrading chitosan hydrolytically; and

Group IV (claims 33-42) is drawn to a method of preparing chitosan salt gel that involved degrading chitosan with an oxidizing agent.

The Applicant hereby elects without traverse Group I, is drawn to a chitosan-calcium (II) complex and a method to produce a chitosan-calcium complex from a gel of a chitosan salt. Claims 1-9 are believed to be readable on the elected Group I invention.

In the event that the Examiner finds remaining impediment to a prompt allowance of this application that may be clarified through a telephone interview, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney by telephone at (801) 533-9800.

Dated this 7th day of August, 2008.

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